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In times when great consideration is given to “speed reading,” phonics, individualized instruction, and reading readiness, it may be well to broaden our horizons and view reading in its newer and less trite aspects. Speaking, writing, listening and reading, all forms of communication, have much in common. Learning is *sine qua non*. Mental content is an indispensable factor and motivation is a major requirement. Schools of psychologists from Descartes to Skinner have much to contribute and yet none can speak with unchallenged authority. We need new facts, new ideas, and the ability to draw valid conclusions. Consequently, it is the purpose of this edition of *Reading Horizons* to broaden the concept of reading, an aspect of communication, so as to show its relationship to learning. Reading is more than the sum of its minor parts. It is a way of life throughout the whole world.

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